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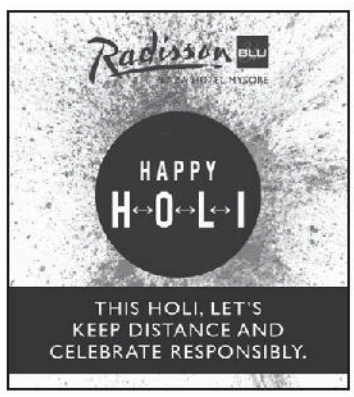
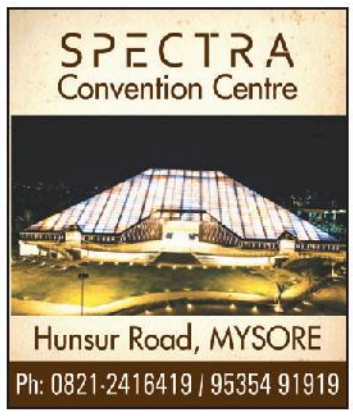


Hotter days ahead

Temperature increases by five degrees Celsius in just a week



Mysuru, Mar. 28 (MTY&BCT)- This is end of March and temperature in city has increased to make it look like we are living in the end of April — peak of summer. The temperature has increased by five degrees in just a week and the absence of rains has made matters worse.

As per the weekly bulletin released by Agro-Meteorological Field Unit (AMFU) of Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) at Organic Farming Research Station at Naganahalli near city, the maximum temperature recorded from Mar. 17 to Mar. 21 hovered between 28 degrees Celsius and 30 degrees Celsius. On Mar. 27, however, as per forecast, there has been a sudden increase of five degrees Celsius with the maximum temperature standing at 35 degrees Celsius.

The maximum temperature on Mar. 28 is 36 degrees Celsius and is likely to remain at 35 degrees Celsius till Mar. 31. Weather officials did not rule out the possibility of mercury even breaching the 36 degree Celsius mark on some days next month. The city is likely to touch 38 degrees Celsius to 40 degrees Celsius during April and might cross that limit by the end of April, they said.

Day temperature will be higher this year because of various reasons, including insufficient and scattered rainfall in the region. Besides, deforestation, pollution and greenhouse effect will also play a part.

Normally it rains in Mysuru after Mar. 21 and this year, the IMD had predicted rains in Mysuru region for five days from Mar. 21. "The region normally receives an average of 16.5 mm to 20.2 mm rainfall during March. But this year it did not rain in the third week of March and rather the region received unseasonal rains in February, causing the temperature to shoot up early," officials said.

If it had rained, it would cool the earth and an increase by five degrees would not have happened. As per the forecast till Mar. 31, there will not be any clouds and rainfall is not expected. While the day temperature is expected to be 35 to 36 degrees Celsius, night temperature is expected to be 18 to 19 degrees Celsius.

The relative humidity in the morning hours is expected to be 74 to 76 percent and afternoon relative humidity is expected to be in the range 44 to 47 percent. Wind speed is expected to be 3 to 4 kilometres per hour.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 28th March 2021

Handloom & Handicrafts expo begins at JSS Urban Haat

Mysuru, Mar. 28 (YDS& SSV)- K.R. Santhanam, Director, Accounts Department, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Mysuru, inaugurated a 17-day Special Handloom and Handicrafts Exhibition at JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Hebbal Ring Road on Friday.

The expo, which is held under the sponsorship of Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, Cauvery Handlooms, Bengaluru and Department of Handloom and Textile and Commerce, Government of Karnataka, will be **open to public till Apr. 11 between 10 am and 9 pm.**

More than 50 weavers, Weavers Societies from all over India including National and State awardees are exhibiting and selling their attractive traditional and heritage handloom products.

Silk and Cotton Sarees from Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Jammu & Kashmir, and Karnataka like Kanchipuram Silk, Maheshwari Silk, Dharmavaram, Kutch Shawls, Kani Shawls and Ilakal Silk, Molakalmoor Silk, Bhagalpur Tussar Silk and dupatta are available.

Handloom products like Grass Mats, Curtains, Jaipur Kurthas and Raprons, Ilakal Kasuthi and Molakalmur sarees of Karnataka, Jute bags, Dress Materials, Boutique sarees and Dress, Bengali Cotton sarees, Kashmir Handlooms, Rajasthan Embroidery, Gujarat Dress, Vegetable print Dress Materials from various States are on sale.

S. Muddaiah, MD, Cauvery Handlooms, Bengaluru, Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, R. Mahesh, Director (In-Charge), Medical Education Division and H.R. Mahadevaswamy, Joint Director, Technical Education Division, were present.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Nowadays, we find the lack of discipline rampant in every sphere of human life, be it political, social, economic and even in education. It's extremely difficult to proceed with constructive work when people are prone to indiscipline. To fight against disruptive tendencies and indiscipline, a radical treatment of the mind is required. Here we feel the necessity of moral and spiritual values in the human life. Srila Bhakti Dayita Madhav Goswami explains that there are two ways of treating diseases — pathological and symptomatic. In pathological treatment, the root cause of the disease is ascertained first and then the remedy is prescribed. The process of symptomatic treatment may be easier, but it doesn't have a lasting effect. It may give temporary relief, while treatment through the pathological process brings about permanent relief. To determine the root cause of unrest, we ought to first determine the meaning of the self. Ignorance of our real Self is the cause of unrest, discord and anxiety. The real Self isn't the physical tabernacle. It's something other than the gross and subtle bodies. A sense of common interest can be fostered among individuals, if they learn that they're interconnected, and are parts of one organic system; sons and daughters of one father.

It's important that everyone realises that we all are interrelated. As Chaitanya Mahaprabhu explains, forgetfulness of our eternal relation with the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Krishn, is the root cause of all afflictions. This is the basic reason for the unrest in the minds of any individual, which disrupts the progress of the individual and society as a whole. This needs to be eradicated for everlasting peace. — *Vaman Maharaj in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Laddoos dating back to 2600 BCE found

Lucknow: People living during the Harappan civilization around 4,000 years ago, have been found consuming high-protein, multigrain 'laddoos', according to a study. The scientific study of the material found during an excavation in Rajasthan has revealed this. Jointly conducted by the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (BSIP), Lucknow, and Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), New Delhi, the study was recently published in the 'Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports' by Elsevier.

At least seven 'laddoos' were discovered in 2017 during the excavation of a Harappan archaeological site in Binjor in western Rajasthan (near Pakistan border) between 2014 and 2017. BSIP senior scientist Rajesh Agnihotri said, "Seven similar big-size brown 'laddoos', two figurines of bulls and a hand-held copper adze (a tool similar to an axe, used for cutting or shaping wood) were excavated at the site.

Monkey's shrewdness Vs Tiger's confidence

New Delhi: Have you ever seen a giant tiger clinging to a tree just to catch a monkey? Well, look no further, a recent video, doing the rounds on the internet, shows just that.

Indian Forest Service (IFS) officer Praveen Angusamy shared a hilarious video earlier this week, where a monkey displayed its brilliance by escaping a potential attack from a tiger. The big cat was all calm and poise when it approached the prey but things didn't pan out as planned. The monkey managed to escape and the tiger was caught in a sticky situation. It was now wondering how to get down from the tree. First, it tried to cling to the branches - unsuccessfully. Seconds later, the big cat fell to the ground. The video has been viewed by over 10,000 users on Twitter while over 1,300 people have liked it. Praveen wrote in the caption that people should not push their weaknesses, always know and play with their strengths.

HEALTH CAPSULE

PCOD is caused due to hormonal imbalance.
It may affect fertility. Weight gain and irregular menstrual cycle are the major signs of PCOD.

By Dr. Madhura Phatak - Consultant Consultant Obstetrics & Gynecology

COLUMBIA ASIA
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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Turmeric is a perennial plant from the ginger family. It is native to India and South East Asia. One of the active constituents in the turmeric plant is curcumin, noted for its familiar bright yellow colour.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	MAR. 26	MAR. 27
Day's Positive Cases	67	131
Total Positive Cases	55,202	55,333
Day's Discharges	84	61
Total Discharges	53,698	53,759
Day's Deaths	1	0
Total Deaths	1,047	1,047
Total Active Cases	457	527

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Scholarship: Applications invited

Mysuru, Mar. 28- University of Mysore (UoM), under the Special Cell for the Welfare of Backward Classes, has invited applications from students belonging to backward class community, who have scored more than 55 percent marks in post-graduate degree and pursuing research activities in the year 2021-22, to avail the scholarship.

The annual family income of Category-1 students should not exceed Rs. 4.5 lakh while Category-2A, 2B, 3A and 3B community students should not exceed Rs. 3.5 lakh.

Applications forms can be obtained by paying Rs. 100 between 10 am and 5.30 pm. Duly filled-in applications along with the original challan of payment made to State Bank of India located at Crawford Hall premises and all relevant documents can submitted to Backward Classes Welfare Cell, Senate Bhavan, UoM. Last date for submission of applications is Apr. 15 before 5.30 pm. For details, visit UoM website *www.uni-mysore.ac.in*, according to a press release.

REALLY...?

- *The gestation period of elephants is 22 months. Baby elephants weigh around 100 kg on average. The babies can stand up shortly after being born.*
- *The average lifespan of an elephant is from 50 to 70 years. Male African elephants can reach 3m tall and weigh between 4,000 -7,500kg. Asian elephants are slightly smaller, reaching 2.7m tall and weighing 3,000 - 6,000kg.*
- *Elephants spend between 12 to 15 hours eating grass, plants and fruit every single day! They use their long trunks to smell their food and lift it up into their mouth. An adult needs to eat up to 150kg of food a day - that's 50 tonnes a year!*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Maths Teacher: *What is a line?* ***Paul:*** *A line is a dot that's going for a walk.*
Teacher: *Then what are parallel lines?*
Paul: *A dot going for a walk with his girlfriend !*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 72.45
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 99.91
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.72
1 Euro	= Rs. 85.67

VOICE OF THE READER

Start flights to Mumbai from Mysuru via Belagavi

Sir,

It is indeed a good news that one more airlines is starting its service from Mysuru to Chennai and we the fliers are elated.

It would be also welcome to have a flight from Mysuru to Mumbai via Belagavi. There are already flights to Belagavi from Mysuru and from Belagavi to Mumbai.

If a flight from Mysuru to Belagavi is extended to Mumbai after a brief halt at Belagavi may be for refuelling, it would be very useful to businessmen and other travellers on work.

Nowadays we have to spend a night in Belagavi to catch a flight to Mumbai from Belagavi while travelling from Mysuru. I hope the authorities will take note of this suggestion.

—Mythili Majali
Vishweshwaranagar
24.3.2021

Mega Lok Adalat reunites 37 estranged couples

Mysuru, Mar. 28- The Mega Lok Adalat held at 52 Courts in the district yesterday, saw resolution of 14,237 out of the 24,583 cases that came up yesterday.

The cases resolved included 184 pre-litigation cases.

Cases that found a solution included 490 bailable criminal cases, 199 IMV (Indian Motor Vehicles) Act cases, 243 civil, 931 Bank Cheque bounce cases, 147 cases pertaining to division of property and 1,983 property disputes. In all, the monetary worth of cases settled yesterday was recorded at Rs. 97.35 crore.

37 couples re-unite

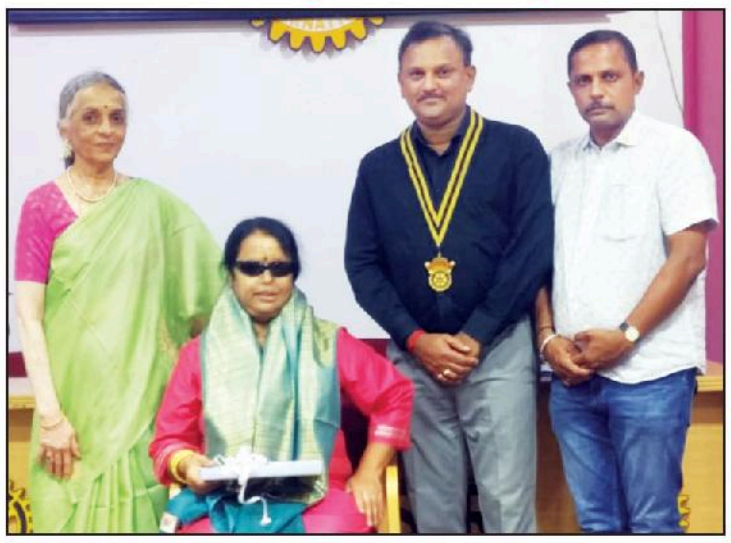
Another noteworthy and heartening aspect of Saturday's Mega Lok Adalat was that 37 estranged couples from city and district, who had sought divorce, re-united after counselling.

Principal District and Sessions Judge Ramachandra D. Huddar and Judge N.S. Patil were present.

Senior Civil Judge and District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Member-Secretary Devaraj Bhuthe said that counselling was held at the three Family Courts in city, following which 29 couples who had applied for divorce, got reunited. Also, 8 couples reunited at the counselling held at T. Narasipur Court. The couples who re-united included an elderly couple, those who had applied for divorce over 5 years ago and also those who had sought divorce just two months after marriage, he said. All the re-united couples were presented bouquets and distributed sweets, Bhuthe added.

Inspiring words from acid attack survivor

Dr. Mahalakshmi speaks at Rotary Club event



Chief guest Dr. Y.N. Mahalakshmi, who was felicitated, seen with** (standing from left) **PDC Chandrika Raghu of Inner Wheel Midtown, Rotary Mysore Midtown President Rtn. A.N. Aiyanna and Secretary Rtn. Veeresh.

Mysuru, Mar. 28 (BCT)- Women's Day was celebrated at Rotary Mysore Midtown and Dr. Y.N. Mahalakshmi, Administrative Medical Officer, Primary Health Centre (Karnataka State Health and Family Welfare Services), Old Agrahara in city, was the special guest.

For the uninitiated, Dr. Mahalakshmi is an acid attack survivor who is silently continuing to serve the society, providing succour to marginalised people, despite being victim herself.

She has beaten all odds after the brutal hate crime and today she is giving shape to her life's mission: To provide a healing touch to the poor and needy. She has an inherent desire to help acid attack survivors enabling them to lead independent and dignified lives. Dr. Mahalakshmi was attacked with acid on Jan. 11, 2001 by one Chikkabasavaiah, a property owner, after she complained to the Police against him. Chikkabasavaiah had rented out a part of his residential building at Industrial Suburb in Vidyaranyapuram to Dr. Mahalakshmi to run her clinic. Chikkabasavaiah owned a wine store in Vidyaranyapuram and he made advances towards Dr. Mahalakshmi but the latter resisted his advances. On the evening of Jan. 11, 2001, Chikkabasavaiah threw acid on Dr. Mahalakshmi when she was returning home after work.

While the District Sessions Court acquitted Chikkabasavaiah on Jan. 1, 2005 for lack of evidence, the High Court, on Jan. 12, 2012, sentenced him to three years imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs. 20,000.

Dr. Mahalakshmi got justice after 11 years and pursued her case relentlessly though some of her sensory organs had ceased to function. The attack was so traumatic that she underwent many surgeries and legal challenges throughout. Once out of shock, she made up her mind to face the society and help the needy. She also does counselling for the needy to instil confidence along with medical care.

At the Rotary event, Dr. Mahalakshmi touched upon the way women should face these kinds of challenges in life and never budge. She enlightened the audience with the updated legal support the victim gets now. She stressed on the way women have to challenge the society and make a better and strong living out of it.

Lady Cops told to work without fear

Mysuru, Mar. 28- 'Manaswini,' as it is called, was sponsored and presented by Rotary District 3181 with Six Rotary Clubs — Rotary Mysore Midtown, Rotary Mysore, Rotary North, Rotary Brindavan, Rotary Panchasheel and Rotary Ambari — who got together to organise an event for lady Police personnel of Mysuru City for their dedicated contribution to the society.

The event was organised at Dhvanyaloka Open Air Theatre, Bogadi Road and co-sponsored by Inner Wheel Midtown. It was inaugurated by District Governor Rtn. Ranganath Bhat and Ann. Rajani Bhat.

Chief guest Dr. Y.N. Mahalakshmi, Administrative Medical Officer, Old Agrahara PHC, Mysuru, spoke about her life experiences and requested all the lady Police personnel to work without fear. She also stressed on the need to educate a girl child which will make her face the world being strong.

Chief Superintendent of Mysore Central Jail Divyashree explained the way she has gained the top job. She emphasised the role of education on a girl child. Coming from neighbouring town of Mandya and being a student of a Government School, Divyashree has come the hardway to be the Chief Jail Superintendent.

After the speech, DJ Rashmi and Aniruddha of Kreatement Events engaged the Police personnel along with their families with fun-filled activities.

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NEWS BRIEFS

State-level Sports Meet

Karnataka State Government Employees Association (KSGEA) District President J. Govindaraju and General Secretary Revanna have requested the employees to register their names before Mar. 31 and participate in the State-level Sports Meet. Recently, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES), in association with the District Administration and District Employees Association, had successfully organised the District-level Sports Meet. Those who have qualified in the District-level Sports Meet can register their names before Mar. 31 on official website of the Association *http://bit.ly/ksgeasportsreg* and participate in the State-level Sports Meet, as only 50% of sportspersons have registered their names so far.

Virtual Job Mela

'KSOU Virtual JobKart,' an online Job Fair organised by Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) in association with JobKart India, will conclude tomorrow (Mar. 29). Job-seekers can download JobKartIndia app from Google Playstore and register for free by completing the profile. Upload video resume of one minute duration. Upload necessary scanned documents. Aspirants can check and apply for jobs and look out for notifications in the app on daily basis. Recruiters will call on the registered mobile phone number or e-mail the list of short-listed candidates for the telephonic interview. Recruiters will also conduct virtual interview through Zoom app and the final interview will be conducted face-to-face in the respective companies.

Officials must stay in hostels to know fact: Minister

Mysuru, Mar. 28 (RKB&DM)- Muzrai and Backward Classes Welfare Minister Kota Srinivas Poojari said that he has directed Backward Classes Welfare Department officials to undertake Student Hostel Stays at least once in a fortnight in order to personally understand the problems faced by the hostel inmates.

He was speaking to press persons after holding a meeting with the Department officials at the Deputy Commissioner's office here on Friday.

Pointing out that Hostel Stays will also help in maintaining transparency, Poojari said that there are 2,400 student hostels run by the Department in the State.

Noting that top officials of the Department too should make Hostel Stays once in a fortnight, the Minister said that he has directed the officials to ensure that there are no lapses or irregularities in procurements, purchases and upgradation of hostels.

Stating that 54 out of the 92 Department hostels in the district are functioning from own buildings, he said that 37 are running in private buildings and the works on construction of 6 hostel buildings are expected to be completed by June. The construction of more hostels will benefit more number of students, he added.

Muzrai and Backward Classes Welfare Minister Kota Srinivas Poojari addressing press persons at the DC's office in city on Friday.

Continuing, the Minister said that 5,000 students have applied for hostel admission and 2,500 of them will get admission.

Maintaining that the Department has sent a proposal to the Government seeking sanction of 100 more hostels, Poojari expressed confidence that at least 50 percent of the sought hostels will be sanctioned in a month.

Referring to condition of hostels, Poojari said that the Department Commissioner and other top officials have been directed to inspect the hostels for finding out the problems faced by hostel students.

Cautioning that the respective taluk officers will be held responsible for any lapses in the running of hostels, he asserted that action will be taken on allegations that sub-standard quality of food is being served at some hostels.

Directing the officials to take necessary steps in this regard, he warned of action if similar complaints continue in the future.

Upgradation of temples

Referring to upgradation of temples, the Minister said that measures will be taken to upgrade some of the more than 100 Muzrai temples in Mysuru, T. Narasipur, Nanjangud and Periyapatna taluks of Mysuru district. He further said that Muzrai officials have been asked to ensure strict COVID-19 appropriate behaviour by devotees visiting the temples.

ADC B.S. Manjunathaswamy, Muzrai Tahsildar C.J. Krishna, Backward Classes Welfare Department District Officer Bindya, BJP leaders Siddaraju, Jogi Manju and others were present.

KMPK Trust appeals for ban on use of plastics

Earlier in the day, Poojari visited Chamundi Temple atop Chamundi Hill, during which the city's KMPK Trust presented a memorandum to the Minister seeking a ban on the use of plastics. It also urged the Minister to ensure use of Chemical-free *Arishina-Kumkuma* in temples.

The Trust members wanted the Government to issue a circular to all temples in this regard.

Trust President Vikram Iyengar, Secretary Ajay Shastri, BJP leaders Jogi Manju, Mullur Guruprasad, Jeevadhara Girish, Apoorva Suresh, Ashwin, nominated Corporator K.J. Ramesh, former Corporator Jayaram and others were present.

Pledge to make India free from TB by 2025

Srirangapatna, Mar. 28 (SSV)- Prakash, Health Education Officer, Mysuru Division, has called upon people to pledge to make India free from Tuberculosis (TB) by 2025. He was speaking at a special awareness programme on the occasion of 'World TB Day' at Brindavan Main Gate, KRS Dam, organised jointly by the office of Taluk Health Officer, K.R. Sagar Primary Health Centre, Cauvery Niravari Nigam and Gram Panchayat here on Friday.

He said, this disease was contagious and it spreads through the air. It can be cured completely through timely testing and good treatment.

Dr. C.S. Soumya, Administrative Health Officer, said that the symptoms of TB are, continuous cough (sometimes blood tinged), loss of appetite, weight loss, sweating, fever during evening and swollen lymph nodes. Those who have these symptoms must immediately go to the Govt. Hospital to avail free treatment.

Suhail Ahmed, In-Charge, Dept. of TB, said that the Government has announced free sputum test, free treatment through ASHA workers, Rs. 500 monthly incentive to each person to take nutritious food and free treatment in Govt. Hospitals, for TB patients.

On the occasion, the Brindavan Gardens Main Gate was illuminated in red light. S.D. Bennur, Block Health Education Officer, administered TB eradication pledge. Later, the handbills were distributed to the visitors.

Bhemanna, Assistant Medical Officer, Health Department, Mysuru, Nagendra Kumar, President, Gram Panchayat, Shruthi Yogesh, Vice-President, Rafiq Karjagi, Panchayat Development Officer, Shivakumar, Engineer, Cauvery Niravari Nigam, Mahesh, In-Charge, Health Department and others were present.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Yesterday	:	102.00 feet
Inflow	:	300 cusecs
Outflow	:	4,126 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,265.10 feet
Inflow	:	80 cusecs
Outflow	:	1,010 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,822.83 feet
Inflow	:	38 cusecs
Outflow	:	45 cusecs

Obituary

Khaisar Ahmed

Mysuru, Mar. 28- Khaisar Ahmed (39), a businessman and a resident of Subashnagar, passed away yesterday (Mar. 27) evening at a private hospital in city. He leaves behind his parents, wife, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was performed at Masjid Aqsa near Fountain Circle this morning, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

M.V. Madhusudhan

M.V. Madhusudhan (Nagaraj), former employee of Ideal Jawa and a resident of Ittigegud, passed away yesterday afternoon at a private hospital in city following brief illness. He was 72.

He leaves behind his wife, two daughters, one son and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed this morning.

M.S. Jayalakshmi

M.S. Jayalakshmi (86), wife of late M.S. Shamanna and a resident of Kuvempunagar here, passed away on Mar. 26.

She leaves behind son M.S. Srinivasan (retd. Principal), daughters M.S. Geethadevi and M.S. Devakidevi and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill on Friday, according to family sources.

Be careful for next six months,

warns noted cardiologist, Dr. Manjunath

State's highest COVID positive rate worries Government

Bengaluru, Mar.28 (SSV)- Dr. C.N. Manjunath, Director, Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, Bengaluru, has warned that the current COVID-19 pandemic will continue for another six months and people must protect themselves by taking vaccination.

"People must take utmost care as COVID-19 second wave has begun. Lockdown is not the panacea to check the pandemic and it was also not required,"Dr. Manjunath said here yesterday.

He said the Government of India had clamped complete lockdown on the entire nation last year as it was not prepared to check the spread of the contagion. However, now the Government was fully geared up to meet the situation. This virus will usually stay for two years, he added.

Already, one year has passed and it may continue for another six months. Safety protocols must be strictly followed by citizens by wearing masks, maintaining social distance and washing hands frequently.

Take vaccine for protection

Suggesting people to take the vaccine, Dr. Manjunath said people were under wrong notion that they will not get Coronavirus if they take vaccine. It is not true as they may test positive in case they come in contact with Corona positive patients. Two vaccines, which were approved by the Government, were safe to take without any side effects, he added.

Dr. Manjunath *Dr. K.Sudhakar*

High COVID-19 positive rate

Meanwhile, Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar has said that COVID-19 positive cases were increasing in all States and it was an indication of the beginning of second wave. As many as eight to ten States have more active cases. There were about 2.84 lakh cases in Maharashtra, 24,000 in Kerala, 22,000 in Punjab and 19,000 in Karnataka. If they failed to curb activities, danger was imminent, he said.

The Minister pointed out that the State's positivity rate of 1.6 percent was more than national average which was not a good sign. They must take this seriously. More than one lakh tests were conducted daily.

As far as vaccination coverage among health care workers and frontline workers, Bidar has achieved 113%, Dharwad 107% and Gadag has achieved103%. Bengaluru Urban, Bagalkot, Davangere and Koppal have achieved 61%, 64%, 65% and 65% respectively. So far, 2.22 lakh frontline warriors have been vaccinated with first dose. As many as 3.24 lakh healthcare workers have been given the 2nd dose.

A total of 16.18 lakh senior citizens above 60 years have been vaccinated and 4.70 lakh persons aged above 45 years with comorbidities have received the jabs. Coverage among 60 plus and performance of districts is as follows: Chitradurga 37%, Ramanagar 37.8%, Chamarajanagar 38% and Koppal% percent. In 2-3 days State will receive 12 lakh more doses, Minister Dr. Sudhakar noted.

ASHA workers protest

over issues with e-survey

Mysuru, Mar. 28 (MTY&SD)- ASHA workers staged a protest near Deputy Commissioner's Office yesterday against various issues that they are facing while conducting e-surveys.

ASHA workers are conducting door-to-door e-survey in the district pertaining to COVID-19 and health services as per orders issued by the State Government.

The protesting ASHA workers alleged that though the Government had not provided them mobile phone and mobile internet data, they were being forced to conduct e-survey within a stipulated time-frame. They urged the administration to intervene and solve these issues.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, an ASHA worker said, "We need to visit each house to conduct e-survey and if there are 4 or 5 members in a house, we need to enter the details of each member in over 60 columns through mobile app which would take nearly two hours per house.

Many people are not co-operative and do not wish to answer questions such as their income. The Government should provide us more incentives and more time to complete the task."

All India United Trade Union Centre District Secretary Chandrashekar Meti, Karnataka State ASHA Workers Association City President G.S. Seema, P.S. Sandhya, Muddukrishna, Shubhamangala, Bhagya and others were present.

HC directs CAT to issue order on

B. Sharat's transfer case in two weeks

Mysuru, Mar.28 (RK&DM)- Seeking to end the six-month long row over the transfer of IAS Officer B.Sharat, who was transferred from the post of Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC) just after a month of posting last year, the Karnataka High Court on Friday, asked the CAT (Central Administrative Tribunal) to resolve the case in a fortnight.

B. Sharat, who took over as Mysuru DC in August 2020 after the transfer of Abhiram G. Sankar, was suddenly transferred by the Government in the last week of September after just one month into his job. Sharat was replaced by Rohini Sindhuri, who took charge as Mysuru DC on Sept. 29, 2020.

B.Sharat *Rohini Sindhuri*

Following his transfer, Sharat moved the CAT questioning his immature transfer. The CAT, which heard Sharat's plea , adjourned the hearing multiple times and failed to pass an order.

A dejected Sharat then moved the Karnataka High Court. Judge Satishchandra Sharma, who heard Sharat's petition on Friday, directed the CAT to resolve the case by passing an order in a fortnight.

Condemned KSRTC buses sent to scrap

- Majority of them are Marco Polo buses
- 17 scrapped yesterday; another 100 buses in waiting

Mysuru, Mar.28 (MTY&SSV)- The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC), Mysuru Division has scrapped 17 buses, a majority of them are Marco Polo, known for low-mileage and high-cost maintenance buses.

Recently, the City Division had condemned 65 buses as they found them unsuitable for use.

Interestingly, a majority of these Marco Polo buses have not even run the mandated 7 lakh to 10 lakh km. They had been stationed in City Depot for many years due to poor mileage (2 km per litre) and high maintenance cost.

These rear engine buses were purchased during 2008-2009 as they were low-floor buses most-suited for senior citizens. As it had rear engine which was inconvenient for the commuters of back seats due to heat generated from the engine, it had invited wrath of citizens for emitting excess smoke than other model buses. All these had forced the State Transport Corporation depots to dump these buses.

Recently, several hundred condemned buses were e-auctioned out of which 65 buses belonged to Mysuru Depot and most of them were Marco Polo buses.

As many as 17 condemned buses without seats and costly spare parts were found parked on Nelson Mandela Road near Bannimantap Depot yesterday, waiting for the contractor to take away these scrapped buses. Another 100 buses are waiting to be scrapped.

In Mysuru Rural Division, it has been decided to scrap 225 buses of which 120 have already been scrapped in the last seven months.

Two youths go missing

Mysuru, Mar. 28 (KS)- In separate incidents, two youths have gone missing from Mysuru South and Mandi Police limits in city.

In the first incident, 21-year-old Kumaraswamy, who left his house on Mar. 22 at about 1 pm, has since gone missing.

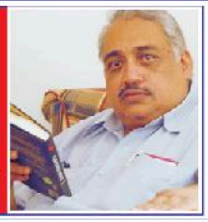
Those having any information about Kumaraswamy may contact Mysuru South Police Station on Ph: 0821-2444955 or District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800.

In the second incident, Adnan Khan, a 19-year-old youth, who left his house on Mar. 19 at about 9.30 am, has since gone missing.

Kumaraswamy *Adnan Khan*

Those having any information about the missing youth may contact Mandi Police on Ph: 0821-2418313/513 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Over a cup of evening Tea



By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

More Musical Musings from the Golden Era !

After I wrote my last article about the two antique gramophone records that I received as a gift from my schoolmate Mukesh and his wife Madhu, I have been inundated by letters, messages and phone calls from friends, acquaintances and complete strangers too. Some articles that I write have this effect, especially when I write about events and things from the past.

The responders said that the era I had written about in my article took them back by a few decades to the days of their own past and made them feel nostalgic. **And, every one of them agreed that that time was indeed the golden era of a quiet life, full of leisurely activities like listening to music on the radio or the gramophone and of attending live music and dance concerts for which most of us sadly have no time at all these days.**

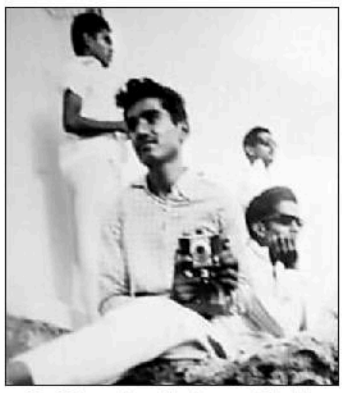
Bapu

Many readers recalled the time when a good many of them had in their own homes a radio or a hand wound gramophone with a collection of their favourite celluloid records which they would listen to regularly. **Bapu Sathyanarayana,** the former Highways engineer and certainly the grand-old-man of our city, who needs no introduction, as he is the first person to respond with a letter to the editor whenever a topic merits some attention from him, was as usual the first to respond to my article too.

Through his letter which was published in *SOM* on last Sunday he talks of how most of us have discarded many of our old household things with the arrival of newer gadgets, only to realise later that they would have been priceless relics of our past, worth preserving with care. But sadly, to most of us, this realisation always comes long after they are gone forever!

The antiques like chairs, teapoys and tables that we have all so thoughtlessly thrust into the fire to heat our bath water, after giving them a brief rest on our attics, are the very same things that we now look for and pick up from antique shops at great cost!

He also mentions that even the broken pieces of the records would be preserved to be used in making a medicine for scorpion bite although I was not aware of this remedy. I only knew that being made of a kind of celluloid compound the damaged records could easily be bent or cut with a pair of scissors when warmed in a tub of hot water or painted upon to make decorative pieces that many people hung on the walls of their drawing rooms! A few of these artifacts survive to this day in many homes that have not yet been affected by the rapid transformation that time has brought into our lives.



C. Chandrashekar with his first camera in 1969.

The former Commissioner of Police of our city **Mr. C. Chandrashekar**, who later retired as an Inspector General in the Karnataka Police, too responded very emotionally to my article. Like Bapu, he is also usually among the first responders to my articles, especially to those concerning Mysuru, because he has very strong emotional bonds with our city where he had a great part of his education at the Regional College of Education and also at Manasagangothri.

He wrote to say that my article left him misty eyed as he recalled the days when he would visit the Phono and General Agency to buy records which he could actually ill afford as a young boy, managing his life on a meagre stipend. The sad irony is that although he did not have a record player, he would often buy the records that he liked much in advance with the fond hope that some time in his life he would be able to afford to buy a player for them!

He recalls that the first LP that he bought was of Latha Mangeshkar's Meera Bhajans which used to be borrowed from him and played at most of the cultural events on the campus! He says that being very passionate about photography, he bought his first camera too, an Agfa Click III like mine, from the same shop in the sixties for twenty-seven rupees and he has sent me a picture of him holding his treasure in his hands and sitting in a contemplative pose on a rock on the beach at Kovalam.

A very pertinent message painted on an old gramophone record that tells of its qualities... Through all the bends and breaks, you're still wrapped in grace!

Although you may find that picture a little blurry, I thought that it deserves to be shown here because it is certainly worth more than my thousand words that you get to read week after week! His other strong attachment to our city is through his very high regard for his teacher Pandit Rajeev Taranath, the Sarod maestro who taught him English in College and infused into him the love for music and the ability to appreciate it, whom he holds in almost Godlike reverence!

Another reader, **Vidya Harinath,** an engineer who runs an interior decoration business with her husband, has written about the time when she too used to visit the Phono and General Agency with great eagerness in the company of her two daughters who were kids then, to buy gramophone records. She says that her daughters too who are now grown up, with one of them studying in the US, have become music lovers like her, with all three of them having acquired this love from her mother who is a Carnatic classical singer.

She talks of her subsequent visits to the shop to buy a few other things that they sell there now but she laments that the old-world charm of buying the old-fashioned records will never come back.

Incidentally, the entire row of shops along the front of the Devaraja Market building had a continuous corridor with pillars along which one could walk from end to end, come rain or shine. It was only much later that this space was encroached upon by the shop-keepers, one after the other. I am not able to say whether this was done legally or illegally although I can say with certainty that a Shoe Shop started this trend when it was renovated and expanded.

An interesting thing worth mentioning here is that before the inclusion of this extra space into the shops, every evening as it got time for the shops to wind up their business, you could see scores of homeless people lining up on the pavement. They would come there holding cardboards, gunny sacks and even newspapers which they would then spread out in the sheltered space before laying their weary bodies down and losing themselves to their dreams of a better life!

As a little kid I used to feel very sorry for them but they seemed quite happy to be able to sleep in a sheltered place rather than under the open sky.

And, the shop-keepers too seemed very happy to let them sleep undisturbed on their doorsteps and serve as the unpaid sentinels of their shops... a very convenient and symbiotic arrangement indeed !

[To be continued]

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Exam for Assistant Public Prosecutors' appointment held

Mysuru, Mar. 28 (RKB&DM)- The written exam for appointment to 124 posts of Assistant Public Prosecutor cum Assistant Government Pleader was held at three centres in city today.

The centres were — Maharaja's PU College on JLB Road, Maharani's Girls PU College on N.S. Road and Government PU College at Vontikoppal. A total of 1,176 candidates had registered for the exam in city centres.

The exam, which was conducted by Karnataka Examinations Authority, was held in two sessions — First paper from 10 am to 1.30 pm and the second paper from 2 pm to 5 pm.

As a security measure, City Police had clamped prohibitory orders in 200-mts radius around the three centres from 6 am till 6 pm today. Also, all photocopy shops in the vicinity of the centres were ordered to shut down during the exam.

Centre interfering in State affairs, says Minister

Mysuru, Mar.28- In a statement that has put the ruling BJP in discomfiture, Minor Irrigation Minister J.C. Madhuswamy said that the Centre was slowly divesting the States of their powers and encroaching upon the subjects under concurrent list.

Madhuswamy

He was speaking at the seminar on ' National Integration and Regional Freedom,' organised by Akhila Bharath Sharana Sahitya Parishat at JSS College for women at Saraswathipuram in the city yesterday.

Maintaining that centralisation of power does not augur well for the country's unity and also harms the federal structure, Madhuswamy said that divestment of power also stokes regional sentiments.

Observing that only a few districts in every State of the country had witnessed growth and development, he said that this had fuelled the demand for creation of more states and the formation of Telangana is an example for this. Pointing out that education is a State subject, he contended that admission through NEET for admission to Medical courses had left Kannadigas in the lurch.

Modi's will power and Army's grit forced Chinese troops out, says MP

Policemen, who were felicitated during 'Yodha Namana' programme organised jointly by BJP's Mysuru City and District Yuva Morcha Units at the BJP office in Chamarajapuram in city yesterday, are seen with MP Tejasvi Surya and others.

Mysuru, Mar. 28 (PM&DM)- Maintaining that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's political will and the courage of the Indian Army, drove the Chinese Army from the country's borders, BJP Yuva Morcha National President Tejasvi Surya, who is also Bengaluru South MP, said that Modi has scripted a new horizon for the country through his work.

He was speaking at 'Yodha Namana' programme (a tribute to soldiers) organised jointly by BJP's Mysuru City and District Yuva Morcha Units at the BJP office in Chamarajapuram here yesterday.

Stating that the Modi Government has launched a massive programme to improve the infrastructure at the country's border with China, Surya said that the Chinese Government which got upset over this, attempted to transgress the country's border. But the alert and strong Indian Army thwarted all Chinese attempts and succeeded in driving out the Chinese forces from across the border, he said.

Noting that while the Indian Government conceded that 20 of its soldiers have lost their lives in the military action to drive out the Chinese forces, China had falsely maintained that there was no casualties on its side. But China could not hide its falsehood for long, when it was discovered that more than 40 Chinese soldiers had died. The number of casualties on the Chinese side shows the strength of the Indian Army, he said.

Pointing out that 'Yodha Namana' programme is being held nationally, the MP said that Mysuru has earned the distinction of organising the first such programme in the country.

Ex-serviceman Chandrakant Talwar from Vijayapura district, who is currently serving at Metagalli Police Station, Pugu K. Head of Madikeri, who is serving at Devaraja Traffic Police Station, H.C. Havaldar Shivaraju, Ratnakar Nayak of Chikkamagalur district and K.C. Jayachandra, who is serving at the city's Vijayanagar Police Station, were felicitated on the occasion.

Earlier, Tejasvi Surya was brought in an open-jeep procession from Ramaswamy Circle to the BJP office.

MLA L. Nagendra, BJP Yuva Morcha City and District office-bearers Sandeepkumar, Jayashankar, Ajit Hegde, V. Somasundar, Kiran Gowda and Vijayakumar, District BJP President Mangala Somashekar and others were present.

Avail Government facilities

MP Tejasvi Surya has advised Brahmin community members to avail all Government facilities extended to the community.

Addressing a programme organised by the District Brahmins Yuva Vedike at Srirama Mandira in Krishnamurthypuram here yesterday, Surya said that Brahmin community members should not shy away from availing Government benefits.

Stressing on the need for community organisation, he expressed happiness that Brahmin Community is getting organised at the State-level.

MP Tejasvi Surya, State BJP Yuva Morcha President Sandeep Kumar and General Secretary Ajit Hegde were felicitated on the occasion.

City and District Brahmins Association President D.T. Prakash, Brahmin Development Board Director M.R. Balakrishna, Corporator M.V. Ramprasad, Mysuru District Brahmin Yuva Vedike Office-bearers Mullur Guruprasad, H.N.Sridhar Murthy, Vikram Iyengar, Ajay Shastri, K.R. Satyanarayan, Gopal Rao, Vijayakumar and others were present during the occasion.

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DC plans jab for 45-plus citizens at Sub-Health Centres

Mysuru, Mar. 28 (SSV)- Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri has instructed the District Health Department Officers to keep all Sub-Health Centres ready in district in view of vaccinating persons above 45 years of age from April 1. This, according to sources, is being done to avoid rush of beneficiaries to take the jab from next week, and to improve the coverage following spike in Corona positive cases in the last 15 days.

However, Health Department Officers are not in favour of having vaccination booths in Sub-Health Centres as there will be only one Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM) and it may not be possible to handle any post-vaccination complication cases. Besides, medical experts have recommended setting up of vaccination booths only in Primary Health Centres (PHCs) or Urban PHCs and not in Sub-Health Centres.

Unlike other vaccinations, a minimum of five personnel are required especially for COVID-19 vaccination and three spacious rooms. Most of the Sub-Health Centres are in shambles without use for many years.

Stocks for two days

Meanwhile, an Officer of Health Department told *SOM* that the District received 25,000 doses of Covishield two days ago and it may last hardly a day or two. Each PHC has been given 100 doses and many have finished it within a day. District and Taluk Hospitals are allotted 200-300 doses each.

"Fresh stock of 75,000 doses of Covishield vaccine is expected by Monday and it may be sufficient for a week as district has been given a daily target of 20,000 vaccinations. The roll out of Covaxin vaccine has been very slow when compared with Covishield," he noted.

Target surpassed

The district has surpassed 5,000 RT-PCR daily testing target with 6,000 tests conducted daily in district. There has been demand from Schools and Colleges to conduct test for students due to scare of COVID-19 second wave. Date and time for each School and College has been given from next week and the mobile testing healthcare team will be deployed to do it.

Instructions have come from the State Education Department to check whether the School children were wearing the face masks or not. During the surprise checking, it was found that most of the students were keeping the mask in their pockets.

The Senior Education Department Officers were on the district tour to check the implementation of safety protocols in the educational institutions.

The DC has banned public celebrations of any festival and has issued directions to the authorities of Mysuru City Corporation to implement the Government guidelines strictly. The Police Department and MCC officers have been asked to book cases against citizens for not wearing masks.

Besides, all Taluk Health Officers have been directed to keep the COVID Care Centres ready in their respective taluks to use it in emergency.

What is Sub-Health Centre?

Each PHC has five or six Sub-Centres staffed by health workers for outreach services such as immunisation, basic curative services, maternal and child health services and preventive services. A Sub-Centre is the most peripheral and first point of contact between the primary healthcare system and the community and it provides interface with the community at the grass-root level, providing all primary healthcare services.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This Notice hereby issued on behalf of my client **Sri. N. Suryanarayana**, aged about 55 years, S/o. Sri. N.V. Krishnaiah, R/at 'Hanumasadana' bearing D.No.8, Lalithamahal Cross road, Behind Pump House, Nazarbad Mohalla, Mysuru.

My client N.Suryanarayana obtained registered sale agreement on 30.3.2015 with respect to schedule mentioned property from **Sri. P. Surendar, (Aadhar No.3333 2142 6984)** aged about 47years, S/o M.Prakashchand, R/at D.No.2256/2, Vinobha road, Mysuru-570 005. Sri. P. Surendar agreed to sell it for Rs.11, 70,000/- (Eleven Lakhs seventy thousand) and at the time of entering into sale agreement with respect to schedule mentioned property, P. Surendar obtained Rs.10, 00,000/- (ten lakhs) as advance sale consideration, and it is further agreed between them that, remaining balance sale consideration amount of Rs. 1,70,000/- (One lakh seventy thousand) has to be paid at the time of executing sale deed by Sri.P. Surendar. Sri.P. Surendar agreed to hand over all the original documents at the time of executing sale deed and further it was agreed that, Sri. P. Surendar has to furnish documents required to registration as early as possible, and as soon as he obtains documents, it has to be intimated to Sri. N. Suryanarayana, and within 3 months of furnishing above stated documents, sale deed has to be registered and if Sri. P. Surendar fails to do so, N. Suryanarayan having right to obtain the registration of the same through court. P. Surendar handed over the possession of schedule mentioned property to my client N. Suryanarayana on 30.3.2015 itself and at present schedule mentioned property is in possession and enjoyment of my client Sri. N. Suryanarayana to my client Sri. P. Surendar, illegally tried to sell the schedule mentioned property to third person, and as soon as Suryanarayana came to know about this fact, he issued a legal notice and at that time, P. Surendar set back from his illegal act, later he again by issuing public notice tried to sell the schedule mentioned property to third person, hence my client Sri. N.Suryanarayana filed **O.S.No.512/2019** before Hon. 2nd Addl. Senior Civil Judge, Mysuru and case is pending before the Hon. Court. P. Surendar is appeared in the case and he is having thorough knowledge of the case proceedings. Even after that, by suppressing real fact, he obtained Panchayath Khatha and trying to alienate the suit schedule property by marking on paper as revenue sites fraudulently, hence this public notice.

My client further states that, if any person what so ever tries to purchase the schedule mentioned property or any part of the same, it is their fault, and my client is in no way responsible for to that, and even if any person who purchases the property is liable to bear all the legal expenses that is going to incur in that connection.

SCHEDULE

Agriculture dry land bearing Sy.No.17(old No.17/11) situated at Madagalli Village, Ilavala Hobli, Mysore Taluk. (In the limits of Belvadi Panchayat) Measuring 15 guntas. Bounded on East by Basavanahalli border and Vijayanagara 4th stage extention, West by Belavadi road, North by Belavadi land border and Vijayanagara 4th stage extention, South by Sy. No.17's Kenchaiah's land.

Sd/- **CHANDRAKANTHAMMA.M.P.,** Advocate. D.No.1968/1, O.K.Street, 2nd cross, Mandi Mohalla, Mysore. Mob.No.:98444317

Date:27.3.2021

SWR Mysuru Division launches anti-plastic drive

After two-month campaign, Railways to penalise violators

Mysuru, Mar. 28- South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, has launched a two-month drive to sensitise passengers on ban on use of plastics in Railway Stations and on trains as per the directives issued by Government of Karnataka.

As part of the campaign, posters and stickers have been pasted at major stations and trains. Awareness rallies at stations have also been conducted to educate the passengers on plastic ban.

Government of Karnataka has banned use of carry bags, banners, sheets, plastic flags, cups, plates, spoons etc., made of plastic and thermocol and advised Railways to implement the ban at trains and stations.

During the drive period, passengers will be screened for carrying of plastics inside stations premises and on-board trains. Passengers will be counselled by Health Inspectors, Ticket-checking staff and security staff regarding harmful effects of use of plastics and discipline to be followed for non-use of plastics with specific attention on plastic carry bags.

Last week, around 2,300 passengers were randomly screened and 400 passengers were found carrying plastic carry bags. 1,700 on-board passengers were sensitised by Travelling Ticket Examiners (TTE) regarding the ban on plastics inside Railway Station premises and trains.

As part of the drive, cloth bags were distributed to passengers who were carrying plastic bags at Shivamogga Town and Sagar Jambagaru Stations.

After the two-month campaign, Railways will impose fine on those violating the Government orders and carrying banned plastic and thermacol items inside station premises and trains. So travelling public are requested not to bring single use plastic items including plastic carry bags to Railway Stations during journeys and join hands with Railways to save the environment by desisting the use of plastic.

Celebrations to be simple

Mysuru, Mar. 28- Birth anniversaries of Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram (Apr. 5) and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar (Apr. 14) will be celebrated in a simple and symbolic manner this year.

Presiding over a preparatory meeting held at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) office on Thursday, DC Rohini Sindhuri said, "As we are witnessing a spike in daily COVID-19 cases in Mysuru due to the second wave of infection, only a maximum of 200 persons will be allowed to attend marriage and other such social functions being held indoors and 500 members for outdoor activities. The State Government has announced new restrictions on public congregation in view of the rising COVID-19 threat. The guidelines will be strictly implemented from today. If administration issues new guidelines for Apr. 5 and Apr. 14, we will follow them accordingly."

ZP CEO A.M. Yogesh, Joint Director of Social Welfare Department Malathi, MCC Additional Commissioner N.M. Shashikumar and others were present.

Ration Card number must for getting Birth/ Death certificates

Mysuru, Mar. 28- Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri has issued an order making it mandatory for citizens to mention their Family Ration Card number for getting Birth/ Death certificates. In a direction issued to all Birth/ Death Registration Officers, the DC said that all Birth and Death records are being registered using e-Janma software. As per a Government order that has come into effect from Mar. 20, all Birth/ Death certificates should be issued via e-Janma software, for which the mention of Ration Card number is a must.

Continuing, the DC said that as per a Government order issued on Nov. 11, 2020, the mention of Ration Card number is also mandatory for all residents of Karnataka to avail Government services, facilities and benefits.

UoM VC inaugurates Food Scientists' annual event

Mysuru, Mar. 28 (SSV)- Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore, inaugurated the annual celebrations of Association of Food Scientists and Technologists-India (AFST-I), CSIR-CFTRI Campus, at a private hotel in city recently.

The celebrations also featured memorial lectures and award presentation.

The 64-year-old professional Association is based in Mysuru with 40 branches across India. It has around 4,000 members across the globe.

Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh, Director, Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Dr. A. Jayadeep, Vice-President, Dr. K.V. Harish Prashanth, Secretary and Dr. Naveen Shivanna, Treasurer and the CEC members were also present on the occasion.

The renovated building of the Association, updated website of AFST(I) and its chapter web portal were also inaugurated by Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh.

Shun plastic bag, use cloth bag campaign held

MCC officials create awareness on plastic ban among shopkeepers, roadside vendors

Mysuru, Mar. 28 (MTY&KS)- In the background of the District Administration deciding to ban the use of plastic from Apr. 5, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) officials on Thursday, conducted 'Shun plastic bag and use cloth bag' campaign among shopkeepers and roadside vendors in city.

The officials, who visited various shops on Devaraja Urs Road, Sayyaji Rao Road, Santhepet, Vinoba Road and surroundings, instructed shopkeepers to compulsorily use cloth bags and also created awareness on the ban of plastic.

The shopkeepers were also instructed to keep a 30 litre capacity dustbin in front of the shops to dump waste and give only cloth bags to customers from Apr. 5.

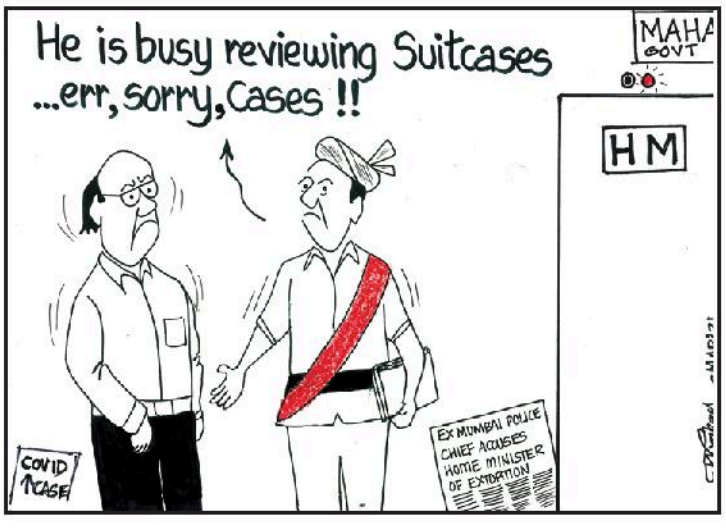
A team led by Deputy Mayor Anwar Baig, Corporator M.D. Nagaraj, MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj and Environmental Engineer Mythri, visited a few shops on Devaraja Urs Road in Ward 23, where large quantity of plastic waste is being generated and gave the shops blue coloured dustbins of 30 litres capacity and gave cloth bags to roadside vendors near Dufferin Clock Tower.

The MCC officials also created awareness on the benefits of taking COVID vaccine and told them that those above the age of 45 can take the vaccination. They urged the public to wear face masks and maintain social distance besides washing hands with soap and use of hand sanitiser to protect themselves from the second wave of the pandemic which was spreading fast.

On the occasion, volunteers of Human Touch Foundation collected plastic waste discarded in front of shops and roadside on Devaraja Urs Road and Vinoba Road.

TEASER

By N. Prakash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EX MUMBAI POLICE CHIEF ACCUSES HOME MINISTER OF EXTORTION

Masters Wrestling Tournament to conclude this evening

Mysuru, Mar. 28 (MTY&DM)- The two-day State-level Masters Wrestling Tournament, organised jointly by Mysuru Masters Games Association and Mysuru Game Association of Karnataka, began at the Gymnasium Hall at University of Mysore Pavilion here yesterday. The event was inaugurated by District Minister S.T. Somashekar.

Speaking as the chief guest on the occasion, MLA L. Nagendra said that this is the first time that Mysuru is hosting the State-level Masters Wrestling Tournament.

Pointing out that 150 senior wrestlers from across the State have arrived in city to take part in the Tournament, he said that 50 more are set to join later in the day. Nagendra appealed the District Minister to host such tournaments in all parts of the State in order to encourage elder citizens to get active in sports and games.

The tournament is being held under three different age groups — 31-40 years, 41-50 years and 51-60 years. Mysuru Masters Games Association President Vijaya Ramesh, Vice-President Lokesh, Joint Secretary Nagannna, Chief Technical Officer Srinivas Gowda, Technical Officer G. Benaka Prasad, Maj. (retd.) Sridhar and others were present.

The valedictory of the event will take place later today.

Sleaze CD case: Truth will come out after probe, says District Minister

Mysuru, Mar. 28 (MTY&DM)- A day after the woman allegedly figuring in the sleaze CD case involving former Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi reportedly disclosed the name (KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar) of the 'Mahanayaka' involved in the scandal in a video statement made on Friday, District Minister S.T. Somashekar, without directly mentioning the name of D.K. Shivakumar, said that the disclosure of the name did not come as any surprise, as he had all through suspected the involvement of the opposition camp.

Speaking to press persons yesterday on the sidelines of University Sports Pavilion, where he inaugurated the Masters Tournament, Somashekar said that his suspicions have come true with the woman allegedly figuring in the CD case, herself voluntarily disclosing the name of the 'Mahanayaka.'

Pointing out that the SIT (Special Investigating Team) is seriously probing the CD case which has rocked the State, Somashekar said that the SIT will unearth everything that is factual about the case. The SIT will also unearth who are all behind the CD case, including the 'Director', 'Producer' and 'Location', he said. Noting that former Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi has said that the CD is a fake one, he said that even the woman figuring in the case has said that the CD is a graphical creation.

Referring to the woman's video statement that there is a life threat to her parents, Somshekar said that, if so, the Police will provide security.

Maintaining that the woman and her parents must physically appear before the SIT and record statements, the Minister reiterated that the SIT will come out with all the truth after completing the investigation.

Bhagandeshwara Temple closed for devotees till Mar. 30

Madikeri, Mar. 28- With an employee of the famed Bhagandeshwara Temple at Bhagamandala in Madikeri taluk of Kodagu district testing positive for COVID-19, the Deputy Commissioner Charulata Somal has banned entry of devotees to the temple till Mar. 30 as a safety measure.

A staff attached to the Music band of the Temple and his parents were found COVID-19 positive on Thursday, following which all other 31 employees of the Temple were tested for the Virus. However, all of them tested negative, it is learnt. But the DC, as a precautionary measure, has banned entry of devotees to the Temple till Mar. 30, taking into consideration the health and safety of devotees.

KSRTC strike from Apr. 7

Government gears up for introducing alternative transport services

Mysuru, Mar. 28 (SPN&DM)- With the employees of four State-run Transport Corporations (KSRTC, BMTC, NEKRTC, NWKRTC) threatening to launch an indefinite strike from Apr. 7 seeking fulfilment of all their demands, the State Government has geared up to take on the strike by providing alternative transport services to the public.

As a first step in this regard, the Government has invited applications from private bus, mini bus and maxi cab operators for issuing a temporary contract carriage permit, to ensure that passengers are not inconvenienced during the bandh.

The Government has said that private bus, mini-bus and maxi-cab operators can contact the Secretary of the respective Regional Transport Authority for temporary permits.

Meanwhile, the Government has issued guidelines for inter-RTC transfers of employees, according to which the employees can apply online for seeking transfers. A permanent employee who has served in one RTC for a minimum of 10 years, can apply for one-time transfer. However, the 10-year rule does not apply for husband-wife transfers.

But the husband/ wife of the RTC employee, who is seeking transfer, should submit a certificate on spouse employment in State or Central Government undertakings.

Delegation seeks super-speciality hospital at Madikeri

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Madikeri, Mar. 28 (PS&BCT)- A delegation of Kodagu Institute of Medical Sciences Board Members recently met Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and demanded the setting up of a super-speciality hospital in Madikeri.

There is no super-speciality hospital in Kodagu, a tourist hub in the lap of Western Ghats covering an area of 4,102 sq kms. Many Kodagu residents have been demanding a multi-speciality hospital since years but successive Governments have not taken any steps in this direction.

Residents have been forced to travel more than a hundred kilometres, either to Mangaluru, Mysuru or Bengaluru, to avail benefits of advanced medicine, even in case of an emergency and most of the patients die before they reach their destination hospitals.

The delegation told the CM that a super-speciality hospital would help provide emergency treatment with the latest facility for the accident victims. The delegation was led by Virajpet MLA K.G. Bopaiah and comprised Board Members of Kodagu Institute of Medical Sciences M.A. Niranjan, Dr. B.C. Naveen and Dr. Jayalakshmi Patkar.

The delegation told the CM that whenever a major accident takes place in Kodagu, there are no facilities to provide emergency treatment and also accidents have increased over the years due to narrow roads. If a Trauma Centre is set up, it will help treat critically injured patients, the delegation told Yediyurappa.

There are no cardiac treatment facilities and heart patients have to depend on visiting doctors from other districts like Mysuru and Mangaluru for treatment.

Giving a patient ear, the CM told the delegation that he would discuss with officials and take measures to provide basic required facilities to Kodagu Institute of Medical Sciences.

WORD OF THE DAY

Sesquipedalian

Pronunciation: sess-kwuh-puh-DAIL-yun.
Meaning: Having many syllables : long; using long words.
Origin: Horace, the ancient Roman poet known for his satire, was merely being gently ironic when he cautioned young poets against using sesquipedalia verba—"words a foot and a half long"—in his book Ars poetica, a collection of maxims about writing. But in the 17th century, English literary critics decided the word sesquipedalian could be very useful for lambasting writers using unnecessarily long words. Robert Southey used it to make two jibes at once when he wrote "the verses of [16th-century English poet] Stephen Hawes are as full of barbarous sesquipedalian Latinisms, as the prose of [the 18th-century periodical] the Rambler." The Latin prefix sesqui- is used in modern English to mean "one and a half times," as in sesquicentennial (a 150th anniversary).
Example: Jacob's editor advised him to pare away the sesquipedalian prose he favored and opt for simpler language that would reach more readers.

THE ODD WORD

Salariat

Salary-earning class collectively.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Spill the beans

Meaning: The phrase spill the beans means to make private or secret information known to others. In other words, if you ask someone to 'spill' the details, you are asking them to reveal certain information that they're keeping under wraps.
Origin: This expression might come from ancient Greece and here is why:
A long time ago in ancient Greece, they apparently had a voting system that involved beans being placed into jars. Two different colored beans used in this process—white beans which meant yes, and black beans which meant no. During the voting process, the amount of "votes" each jar had was to remain a secret until the end. Well, what would happen if one of those jars was accidentally knocked over? The beans would spill out, thus revealing the amount of votes. In other words, the information that was to be kept a secret would become known, and that is similar to what this phrase means today. So maybe this is where the expression 'spill the beans' comes from.
The earliest we could find it in print with its figurative meaning of "to divulge private or secret information," is from the early 20th century. For example, in the newspaper Smith's Weekly, 1919: "'Now get a move on and no risks,' he declared finally as his henchmen, who had been in the right mood to 'spill the beans,' moved off quietly and walked nonchalantly past the policeman."

QUOTE BOX

Laughter is the valve on the pressure cooker of life. Either you laugh and suffer, or you got your beans or brains on the ceiling. — **Wavy Gravy**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

SECRET

Answer: Top secret.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 __ Braun: Hitler's paramour ?
4 "Resistance is futile" is their motto
8 Fishy appendage
11 Not, as a prefix ?
12 Berlin Olympic star Jesse ___
14 Radio Direction Indicator, acronym
15 Opp. of ques.
16 When expected
17 Be unwell or sick
18 Victories
20 Billionth as a prefix
22 Made haste
24 Junkie
26 Europe's currency
27 Pluck strings
28 Abstract being?
29 Appear suddenly (3,2)
30 Disk operating system, in short
33 Soviet prison camp
34 Highland dagger
35 Wise adviser
37 Pretentious, showy
38 Army rank, in short
39 Actress Russo
41 Perform
42 Ant
45 Cert. Pub. Acct.
48 The eggs of fish
49 Person getting up
50 Little bit
51 Danish island
52 Cruise stop
53 Guitarist Barrett of Pink Floyd who passed away in 2006

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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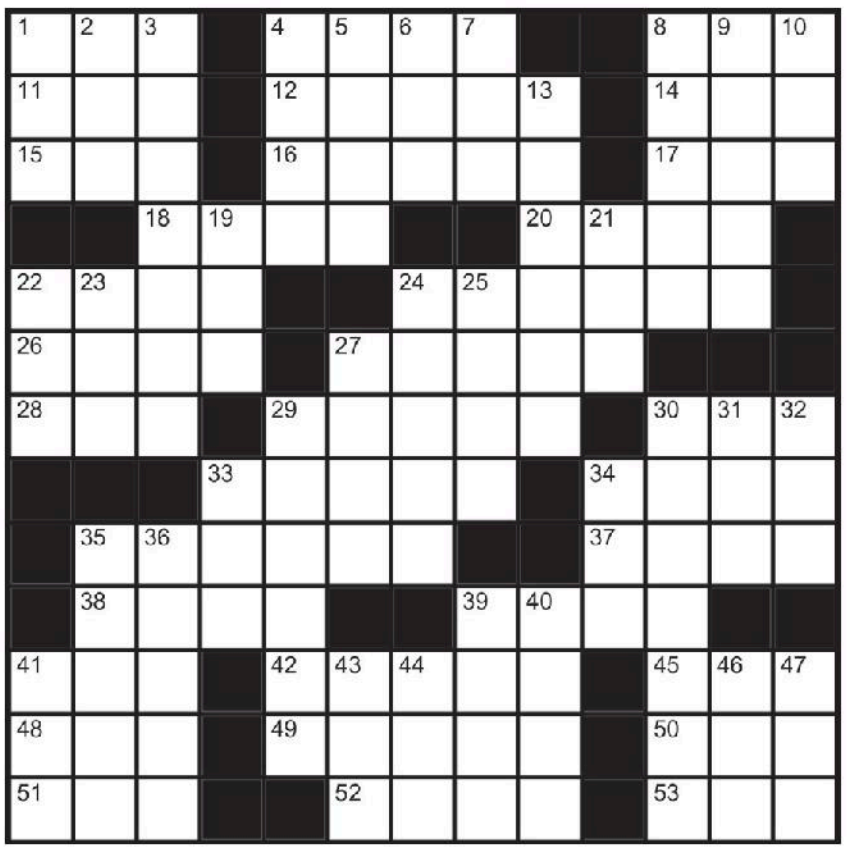
DOWN

1 Spanish queen
2 Part of many German names
3 Replies or acknowledgments
4 A blessing
5 Has
6 VCR button
7 Wildebeest
8 Former monetary unit of France
9 Halfwit
10 Nothing !
13 Parody
19 Artificial language
21 Purpose or goal to strive for
22 To understand
23 Play on words
24 Of equal value ? (2,3)
25 Medicine
27 Unaccompanied
29 Golf club
30 Commands, controls or governs
31 Table scrap
32 Limit for the limitless
33 Gross Natl. Prod.
34 Judo or karate category ?
35 "Star Trek" doctor
36 Consumed
39 Scottish dance
40 "To be" in Paris ?
41 Spot's sound
43 1002 in Roman numerals
44 Short for 'manuscripts'
46 Wages
47 Do this when the sign is "+"



SUDOKO

1	3	7			2		4	5
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		5				3		
	6							8
	7	8	2					
4			7					
9	1		4			5	6	7

Answer to previous puzzle

6	8	3	1	4	5	2	9	7
4	2	9	8	6	7	3	1	5
7	5	1	3	9	2	6	4	8
5	6	2	9	7	3	1	8	4
8	9	7	4	2	1	5	3	6
1	3	4	6	5	8	9	7	2
9	4	5	7	1	6	8	2	3
2	7	8	5	3	9	4	6	1
3	1	6	2	8	4	7	5	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

XIZCKPIY CDD UCVQPM CD GW

UXPM PU UVIY.

TODAY'S CLUE: D EQUALS O

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: If you can count your money, you don't have a billion dollars.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
Rang De (Te)	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Roberrt (K)	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
Munduvareda Adhyaya (K)	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Chakra (Ta)	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
Aranya (Te)	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
Roohi (H)	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Ranam (K)	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Anagha (K)	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Saina (H)	(S-1)	10.50 am, 7.15 pm, 9.55 pm
Roberrt (K)	(S-1)	1.40 pm; (S-2) 10.30 am
	(S-3)	3.35 pm, 6.45 pm
Aranya (Te)	(S-1)	4.40 pm
Godzilla Vs. Kong (E)	(S-2)	5 pm, 7.30 pm
	(S-4)	11.10 am, 1.45 pm, 9.50 pm
Thellavarithe Guruvaram (Te)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Ranam (K)	(S-2)	1.50 pm
Ondu Ghanteya Kathe (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Kala (Ma)	(S-3)	10.55 am
One (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Rang De (Te)	(S-4)	4.30 pm, 7.15 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

Godzilla Vs. Kong (E)	(S-1)	10 am, 4 pm, 7 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	12.55 pm
Roberrt (K)	(S-3)	10.45 am, 5.45 pm
Rang De (Te)	(S-1)	12.50 pm; (S-2) 6.45 pm
Saina (H)	(S-2)	9.50 am, 3.40 pm
Aranya (Te)	(S-4)	11.55 am
Kaadan (Ta)	(S-4)	9.15 pm
Ranam (K)	(S-3)	2.30 pm
Paaru (K)	(S-4)	6.00 pm
Nanna Guri Warrant (K)	(S-4)	3.00 pm
One (Ma)	(S-3)	9.30 pm
Thellavarithe Guruvaram (Te)	(S-2)	9.45 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Ranam (K)	(S-1)	10.45 am
Roberrt (K)	(S-1)	1.45 pm, 5.15 pm
	(S-4)	10.45 am, 7.30 pm
Aranyam (Te)	(S-1)	8.45 pm
Rang De (Te)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 3.40 pm
One (Ma)	(S-2)	6.15 pm, 9.15 pm
	(S-4)	4.30 pm
Godzilla Vs Kong (E)	(S-3)	11 am, 1.30 pm, 4.15 pm 6.45 pm, 9.15 pm
Nanna Guri Warrant (K)	(S-4)	2 pm

PVR

Forum Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357088

Roberrt (K)	: 11.25 am 2.35 pm, 6.05 pm
Godzilla Vs Kong (E)	: 10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm
Aranya (Te)	: 11.10 am
English (Tulu)	: 2.45 pm
Jathi Rathanalu (Te)	: 9.45 pm
Saina (H)	: 9.20am, 12.30pm, 3.40pm, 6.50pm, 10pm
Mumbai Saga (H)	: 3.30 pm
Rang De (Te)	: 12.20 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.40 pm
The Priest (Ma)	: 6.35 pm
Kala (Ma)	: 9.50 pm
Kaadan (Ta)	: 11 am, 6.15 pm
One (Ma)	: 3.05 pm

Garuda Mall, 1st Floor. Mob: 9901357088

Godzilla Vs Kong (E)	: 9.45 am, 12.45 pm, 3.45 pm, 6.45, 9.45 pm
Roberrt (K)	: 11 am, 2.40 pm, 6.20 pm
Hero (K)	: 3.45 pm
Kala (Ma)	: 6.40 pm
Saina (H)	: 12.30 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.40 pm
Rang De (Te)	: 12.10 pm, 3.20 pm, 10 pm
The Priest (Ma)	: 9.50 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

This is for you my dear!

A pair of River Terns captured near Srirangapatna by Nature Photographer Prashant Dinakar, who is also a Personal Trainer and Tattoo Artist.

Rudraksha Exhibition begins in city

Mysuru, Mar. 28- Hyderabad-based Indus Nepal Rudraksha Organisation has organised an exhibition-cum-sale of various types of Rudraksha at Hotel Crystal Park Inn on Nazrabad Main Road in city from **March 28 to April 5 between 10 am and 9 pm.**

For the first time, the expo has brought 'One Mukhi Round' Rudraksha, one of the rarest rudraksha, to Mysuru.

The price of rudrakshas ranges from Rs.100 to Rs.1,50,000.

Spatika Malas, Spatika Lingams, Margaz Lingam, Japamalas, Saligrams, Tulasi Malas and Navaratna Malas are also kept for exhibition-cum-sale.

Director of Indus Nepal Rudraksha organisation Narendra Kasireddy said that this is the 9th time they were organising exhibition at Mysuru and informed that every customer who visits the expo would be given a Rudraksha free of cost.

For details, contact Mob: 98852-11449 or 77992-11449.

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 28)

- **Sahara Arts and Crafts Shopping Festival:** Handicraft and Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, JSS Ground, next to Doddakere Maidan, opp. Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru:** Moonlight Music-228 Digital Programme, Karnatak Musical Concert (Digital) by Kanchana Sisters — Kanchana S. Shriranjani and Vid. Kanchana S. Shruthiranjani — accompanied by Vid. Keshava Mohan Kumar on violin and Vid. K.U. Jayachandrarao on mridanga, Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill [YouTube: http://You tube.com/c/JSSMahavidyapee thaonline **OR** Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/JSSMVP **OR** Website: http://jssonline.org], **6 pm.**
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of Bhishma Sahani's play 'Parihara' (Directed by Natana School Principal Megha Sameera), School premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Niranthara Foundation:** 'Niranthara Ranga Utsava,' valedictory Ceremony in the presence of Commissioner for Income Tax, Chennai, Jayaram Raipura and Deputy Commissioner of Police Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda, Jayaram Patil of Ranga Geleyaru, Mysuru and M.M. Suguna of Niranthara Foundation, 6.15 pm; Staging of play 'Kantu' by Samasthi, Bengaluru [Directed by Manjunath L. Badiger], RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **7 pm.**
- **Mysore Mime Team:** Staging of play 'Ondu Chitra Kathe' (Directed by Vinay Ninasam), Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 29)

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- **NSS-Empanelled Training Institute (ETI), University of Mysore (UoM):** Valedictory of 6th and 7th training programme of NSS-ETI, NSS Programme Co-ordinator Dr. M.B. Suresh presides, UoM Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa and Nehru Yuva Kendra Co-ordinator S. Siddharamappa chief guests, NSS Bhavan, Sahukar Channaiah Road, Saraswathipuram, **11.30 am.**

Animal adoption at Mysuru Zoo

Mysuru, Mar. 28- The following individuals / institutions have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying the adoption fee: Nijessh Shah, Mumbai - Love Bird, Indian Cobra & King Cobra (Rs. 6,500), S.R. Shantha, Bengaluru - Love Bird, Indian Cobra & King Cobra (Rs. 6,500), San-From B. Nambalkar, Bidadi - Indian Cobra (Rs. 2,000), B. Aishwarya, Mysuru - Love Bird (Rs. 1,000), B. Sanath Kumar - Love Bird (Rs. 1,000), according to a press release from the Zoo Director.

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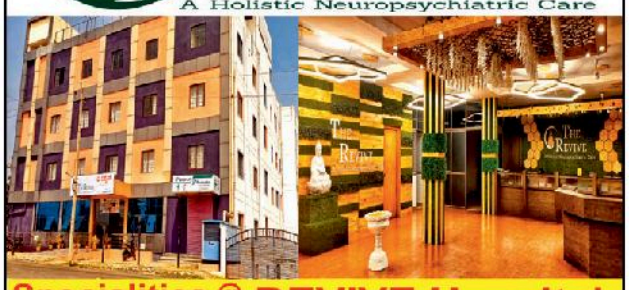

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